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## MONTEREY CLC TO NAME SECY. NEXT TUESDAY

Business of the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council at the first meeting of the new year will center around the election of a new secretary-treasurer, to succeed Andy Butrica, who has served more than a year.

Only nominee at the Dec. 18 meeting for the secretary post was Royal E. Hallmark, who is secretary and business agent of Culinary-Bartenders Union 483.

Business at the Dec. 18 meeting included action to declare the Carmel Valley Barber Shop on the official We Don't Patronize list at request of Barbers Union 896.

Tom Bailey was obligated as a new delegate from Glass Bottle Blowers Union 80, Bailey reporting that his union recently won a wage increase for members.

## Carp. Apprentice Committee Meets Thursday Night

First 1952 meeting of the Carpentry Joint Apprenticeship Committee will be held at the Salinas Carpenters Union Hall this Thursday evening, Jan. 10.

Bus. Agt. Harvey Baldwin of Carpenters Union 925 of Salinas urged a good attendance of both contractors and union members of the joint committee in order that the year's program might get off to a good start.

Meeting time is 8 p.m. The union hall is located at 422 North Main St., Salinas.

## The Restless

In Chicago, the Teamsters Union decided that the pioneer restlessness of Americans still continues, and while it does it will give more work to AFL drivers and movers. The U.S. Census Bureau reported that 27,500,000 Americans move from one home to another each year. More than 8,250,000 citizens moved from one county to another or from one state to another.

The keys to prosperity are the purchases of Union Label products,

## Teachers Win Lunch Periods Without Duty

Duty-free lunch periods for teachers in California appears to have been won as result of efforts of the California State Federation of Teachers, according to Fred Clayton, of Salinas, state teachers' recording secretary.

Clayton has issued the following bulletin, which explains:

In response to CFT inquiries, communications from the California State Department of Education state:

"The State Board of Education at its October 1951 meeting under the authority of Education Code, Section 112, adopted Section 26 of Title 5, of the California Administrative Code reading as follows:

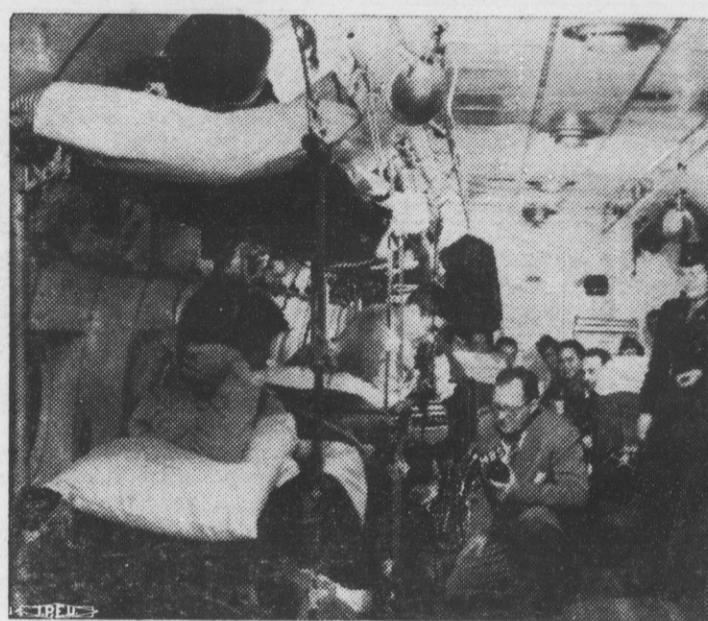
**Lunch Period of Teacher.** The governing board of each school district shall allow each full-time teacher employed in a regular full-time day school in which two or more teachers are employed one duty-free lunch period each day of not less than 30 minutes, which period shall be as near noon as is reasonably possible."

The State Department of Education adds that "If the members of the governing board of a school district refuse to carry out the duty enjoined upon them by the section, they are guilty of a misdemeanor under Government Code Section 1222, and are subject to removal from office under Penal Code Section 661."

From the above it is evident that every teacher in California, except those in one-room schools, can now get a duty-free lunch period.

A year ago Claire Seely of our Local 1035, San Diego, authored a bill (AB 1151) for a duty-free lunch period of one hour for all public school teachers. In due course it was backed by Local 1035, the California Federation of Teachers, and the California Federation of Labor. It was introduced into the state legislature by Francis Dunn, Jr. (member of the Calif. Fed. of Labor); Carley V. Porter (listed in the Assembly directory as teacher and business-

## Big Biz Opens Vicious Attack On Programs That Help Public



KOREAN WOUNDED COME HOME.—Frank Edwards, AFL radio commentator, interviews Amelio Romagnoli, Phillipsburg, N.J., aboard a Military Air Transport Service evacuation plane which brought wounded Korean war veterans back to the U.S. (LPA)

## Laborer Heads In Salinas Meet

State and international leaders of the Laborers Union gathered with Salinas and San Luis Obispo laborer union leaders at the Salinas Labor Temple last Thursday to discuss problems affecting workers in the southern part of the county.

Among those participating in the conference were Lee Lalor, international representative for the Laborers; George Gibbs, business representative for the Northern California District Council of Laborers; Nick Tiessen, business agent, and Roy Herns, president, of San Luis Obispo Local 1464; W. D. Empie, business agent of Salinas Laborers 272, and others.

man); and Jonathan J. Hollibaugh.

As originally introduced, the bill called for one hour. The Assembly cut the bill to 40 minutes in the larger schools; the Senate cut the time to 30 minutes and then killed the bill anyway.

The State Department of Education has now, in effect, put our AB 1151 (Teacher's Duty Free Lunch Period Bill) into operation.

## MONTEREY LABORERS SEE MORE JOBS IN NEAR FUTURE

If weather allows and some proposed construction is started, employment opportunities for members of Laborers Union 690 of Monterey will be much brighter in the near future, according to "Lefty" Jenkins, new business agent of Local 690.

Jenkins said that work has been slow, due to adverse weather, but that the potential gives promise that the men now idle will be able to find work.

Local 690 will soon have its office open again full time. Jenkins said that office hours will be 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and that a new office girl will be engaged as soon as possible.

Nearly three-fourths of the food we buy in the United States today, by value, is manufactured, canned or processed.

## CARPENTERS: NO JOBS OPEN AT MONTEREY!

Word which seems to have gone all along the Pacific Slope that work for carpenters is plentiful in the Monterey area was refuted last week by Tom Eide, business agent of Monterey Carpenters Union 1323.

"We have more men than jobs already and no new work is starting," Eide explained. "There is no need for men to come here hoping for work — we haven't any!"

Eide added that reports of a lot of work at Fort Ord, where the government is considering the possibility of converting temporary buildings into permanent structures, have been exaggerated. No contracts have been let and any such work is months away, he explained.

Besides, Eide answered, it has been stormy in recent weeks and new construction has been prevented by wet grounds. Not only that, Eide concluded, "it's just as cold in Monterey as elsewhere on the coast!"

## Sardine Season Ends Next Week; Poor Record Set

Monterey's Cannery Row will end its sardine season officially next Tuesday, with one of the worst records in recent years. Because of the "light of the moon" which starts Friday, boats probably will not fish after Thursday.

Fish Cannery Workers Union officials said no totals were available to indicate how the season had gone. Only about 50 tons of sardines were caught in local waters, although some 15,000 tons were shipped by truck to local plants.

Work has been fair, however, despite lack of local sardines. The plants packed albacore, squid, anchovies, and other fish, calling often for full crews. The holiday fire at Westgate-Sun Harbor Co. resulted in some extra work in salvaging fish saved from the

The U. S. Chamber of Commerce has started a new propaganda campaign against government programs that help the people.

The chamber even has questioned the spending of government funds for education, veterans' benefits, medical research and public health.

In the Dec. 21 issue of *Business Action*, the chamber urged businessmen to use its attack on "public welfare" as a basis for letters to newspapers and speeches.

Businessmen also were asked to send copies of that issue of *Business Action* to clergymen, school teachers, their employees and customers.

### URGE LETTERS WRITTEN

The chamber suggested that businessmen write to their Congressmen about these "welfare" programs and that they buy ads and radio time to continue the attack on the programs.

"One-third of all the money spent by federal, state and local governments went for some 300 public welfare programs in fiscal 1950, the last year for which figures are available," said the chamber.

"The amount spent on these programs was 23 billion tax dollars or 34.2 percent of all governmental spending . . .

"It means a burden of \$575 for every taxpaying American family."

### INCLUDES EDUCATION

The chamber included in its figures \$6.5 billion spent for public education by federal, state and local governments.

It also listed \$6.2 billion for veterans' pensions, insurance, health services and educational benefits.

In a \$2.2 billion item labeled "Health and Medical Services," the Chamber of Commerce included "Research—federal-state-local programs for public health, disease prevention, treatment, etc."

The chamber carefully neglected to point out that its \$4.7 billion figure for "Social Insurance" was paid for out of funds to which employers and employees contribute each pay day.

Social security pensions, railroad retirement programs and unemployment compensation plans are financed by the people who can benefit from them and not out of general government funds.

The chamber knows that. But it deliberately failed to mention that fact.

### POLITICAL ACTION NEEDED

The whole attack by the chamber on "public welfare programs" shows once again the need for political action by trade unionists.

Those businessmen who want to abolish all government programs to help the people will go to the polls and vote for reactionaries this year.

So workingmen and women must vote for liberals to protect their interests.

## Oh, Yeah?

In Ann Arbor, Mich., a study by the University of Michigan Survey Research Center verified many things that unions have said about the way bosses should behave. The study found that the effective boss: (1) looks upon his men as people rather than just as producers of units of work, (2) when things go wrong he isn't as likely to bawl out his men and tell them to do the job over.

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## Making Ends Meet

## January Should Be a Good Bargain Month

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That's because Christmas business didn't come up to expectations. So merchants have a lot of goods they will want to move off their shelves.

## Jobless Funds at Record Peak, Now \$7½ Billion on Hand

Washington, D. C.—Unemployment insurance reserves hit a new high in 1951, the U. S. Labor Dept. announced.

More money was available Sept. 30 for payment of benefits to unemployed workers covered by state unemployment insurance laws than on any previous date since the program was begun in 1935, according to the Department's Bureau of Employment Security.

The balance in the state unemployment insurance reserves aggregated \$7,609,000,000 at the close of the July-September quarter, the Bureau reported to Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin. This figure, the Bureau said, was about \$6,000,000 greater than the previous record high of \$7,603,000,000 recorded on December 31, 1948.

Bureau officials said preliminary estimates indicated the size of the state's reserve funds totaled \$7,800,000,000 by December 31. Officials estimated tax collections in 1951 were about double the estimated benefit expenditures of \$850,000,000.

All unemployment insurance taxes collected from employers by the various states are deposited in the Federal Unemployment Trust Fund and then withdrawn by the states as needed to finance disbursements to qualified unemployed workers. Each state has its own individual account in the fund and the amount it can withdraw from the fund is limited to its individual balance.

Bureau Director Robert C. Goodwin said losses suffered by the trust fund due to relatively heavy unemployment and heavy benefit disbursements during 1949 and early 1950 have now been more than restored. Between June 30, 1950, and September 30, 1951, unemployment insurance tax collections plus interest earned by the fund exceeded actual disbursements to unemployed workers by a total of \$920,000,000.

Goodwin said the rapid build-up in the trust fund reserves was due primarily to the high employment conditions which have prevailed in most labor market areas since the defense program was initiated.

"Expanding job opportunities and higher employment have increased aggregate wages and tax collections and sharply reduced the rate at which benefits were being disbursed," Goodwin stated. "A slightly higher average employer unemployment insurance tax rate also has contributed to higher unemployment insurance tax collections."

"The figures covering the operation of the unemployment insurance program during the July-September quarter show how the trust fund has been built up. In that quarter, collections and interest earned by the fund aggregated \$480,690,000, while disbursements to unemployed workers amounted to \$200,312,000. This resulted in a net increase in the reserves of more than \$280,000,000."

During the quarter, about 1,216,000 workers drew one or more weeks of unemployment insurance benefits, the Bureau head said.

## RENTS GO UP 3.5% IN 1951

(AFL Release)

Month by month for almost two years the rent which workers have to pay has been increasing.

The Consumers' Price Index kept by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) to measure the cost of living shows that:

From February 1950 to October 1951, the latest date for which figures are available, the rent index went up 8.5 points—from 129.7 to 138.2.

In the first 9 months of 1951 alone the cost of rent increased 3.5 per cent.

Since 1935-39 the cost of rent has increased 38.2 per cent.

Rent has been increasing because Congress has been weakening the rent control law.

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## AFL Dumps Bridges In Valley Elections

(AFL Release)

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The Intl. Chemical Workers Union, AFL, whipped the Intl. Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union in two recent Fresno County election held by the National Labor Relations Board.

First victory was in McFarland, where the workers in the Camp & Felder Compress Co. voted in favor of the AFL by a 39 to 33 count.

The AFL union won its second straight victory over the ILWU warehouse organizers by a 58 to 33 margin in an election at the California Compress Co. plant in Fresno.

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ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS! Local 912 is getting an honor roll for those who contribute to the local blood bank. Brother Irvin will have cards for anyone who may wish to fill out one for an appointment. We hope that Local 912 will be 100 per cent blood donor, and that names of all members will appear on the honor roll. The blood bank unit comes to Salinas the FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH. The next time this paper goes out, we hope to have a long list of blood donors to appear here.

#### THINGS TO REMEMBER REGARDING YOUR STANDING WITH THE UNION:

Your dues MUST BE PAID ON OR BEFORE THE FIRST OF EACH MONTH to be a member in good standing. When you are finished working, or become ill, or leave for any reason, be sure to request an honorable withdrawal card. NO WITHDRAWAL CARD WILL BE ISSUED UNLESS ALL DUES ARE PAID, INCLUDING THE CURRENT MONTH. When you leave your job, request an honorable withdrawal card at once, so that there will be no misunderstanding what months dues are due and payable before you can get your card.

The policy of the international union requires that when members transfer from one local to another, all dues due, including the CURRENT MONTH must be paid to the local out of which they are transferring.

No NEWS BITS have been turned in this week, therefore no news here . . . any news you may have, please turn it in to your shop steward or your business representative, Irvin Duncan, and we will be happy to publish it in your column.

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**Auto Dealers  
Are Tricky,  
Public Believes**

Detroit (LPA)—The public does not think much of auto dealers, according to a survey conducted for the National Auto Dealers Association. The results were "shocking," said the Association.

With the statement that some new car dealers "are fine men and do a good job, but you have to watch them when dealing with a good many of them," 51 per cent agreed. "The whole system of selling new cars is bad and needs a great many changes," 17 per cent said. And 75 per cent said prices are too high, while 68 per cent feel auto dealers as a group are "something less than perfect."

Other beefs: "they'll take advantage if they can"; "many played favorites during the shortages"; "trade-in policies are unfair"; and "repair prices are too high."

Asked which groups of businessmen would be most likely to treat a newcomer to town fairly, those polled listed in order: druggist, insurance agent, lawyer, and real estate man. The auto dealer was last on the list. As to who was most likely to take advantage of a newcomer, the real estate man ranked first, the auto dealer second.

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## Cruel and Crooked

Champion liar of all time is the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, a record established in its newest attack on "public welfare," carried in the Dec. 21 issue of "Business Action," which is being sent to schools, businessmen, and employees throughout the country.

A blast against human welfare is no surprise, coming from the U. S. Chamber, but it is hard to believe that a Big Business organization would descend to such depths of dishonesty as it uses in charging that \$23 billion was spent in 1950 for "welfare plans."

The Chamber counts all welfare money spent, by federal, state, county, and city governments. It counts nearly \$5 billion spent by Social Security, Civil Service, Railroad Retirement—which are supported not by public funds, but by the employers and employees.

It counts as "welfare" the entire \$6.5 billion spent for public schools. It counts the entire \$6.2 billion spent for war veterans' pensions and benefits. It counts all aid to the blind, orphan children, physically disabled, needy aged, etc.

The implication is that all of this is bad and must be drastically reduced.

Tell a big enough lie, and you'll get some to believe it. Pound away in every newspaper, magazine, and radio program against "welfare," and you're bound to have some simple people fall for it. That's the U. S. Chamber policy, the strategy of all Big Business.

But there is an immunity developing in the American public. Every time they hear such a lie they discount it. Our own little labor press is admittedly the best read press in the land. Big Business knows and fears the silent rebuttal of the millions of workers and voters.

By the time the 1952 elections arrive, we will know exactly what Big Business wants and who they are supporting. That is one sure way of knowing who to vote against.

## That Detour Sign

Everybody is busy and happy making money these days. The human tendency is to forget about everything except prosperity, while it lasts. The startling fact is, however, that we hear few voices of wisdom counselling us to steer a careful course for the future. Prosperity is good and depressions are bad and needless, but prosperity based alone on a war-expanded economy is false and uncertain. J. A. Livingston, who writes a column for business men, warns them that "were it not for the rearmament effort, the United States would be in the middle of a full-fledged depression." We need hospitals, schools, low-cost housing, and a thousand things to improve the financial and health security of our people. Is it not time we start on them instead of riding only on the gay and giddy war boom?

## Murder by "State's Rights"

Year after year, the Congressional champions of "state's rights" have killed bills designed to make coal mines safer. Year after year, the "state's rights" boys on Capitol Hill have barred legislation to give the U. S. Bureau of Mines power to enforce safety regulations in the mines. That, they crooned, is a job for the states.

Last July, Federal inspectors recommended that some unused shafts in a certain coal mine in West Frankfort, Ill., be sealed off or ventilated.

The mine owners paid no attention to the Federal inspectors. After all, no law said they had to.

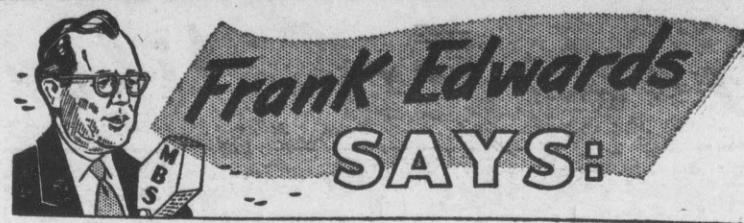
On December 21, deadly gas caused the mine to explode.

One hundred and nineteen coal miners died.

Hooray for "state's rights."

Money is the most important thing in the world. It represents health, strength, honor, generosity and beauty as conspicuously and undeniably as the want of it represents illness, weakness, disgrace, meanness, and ugliness. It is only when it is cheapened to worthlessness for some and made impossibly dear to others that it becomes a curse.—G. B. Shaw.

"Reading the report on Senator John Marshall Butler's campaign in Maryland is like walking through a political sewer."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.



Washington, D. C.

## • Where Your Money Goes . . .

The Louisville Courier-Journal says: "Industry helps the army waste the taxpayer's money." Referring to the scandal at the Detroit Tank Arsenal, where a Congressional committee disclosed the government lost \$305,000,000 through purchasing from industry, the paper commented: "We think a statement is due from those big business spokesmen who daily condemn 'waste in Washington' . . . and who charge that inflation is caused by labor's wage demands."

## • Depends on Who Does the Controlling . . .

Seems like businessmen actually DO like price control . . . if they can control the prices. The American Fair Trade Council is starting a drive to have another Fair Trade law passed. The old one was killed by the Supreme Court. Critics say fair trade laws are price controls carried out for the benefit of businessmen.

## • Not Much Hope for GI Housing . . .

Tom Coogan, a former president of the National Assn. of Home Builders, has been appointed director of the Armed Forces Housing Agency. Homeless service men will now have to depend on this former official of an outfit that consistently opposed low-rent housing.

## • Bad News for Housewives . . .

The price of food, hitting new all-time highs thanks to the rotten price control laws passed by Congress, is expected to go even higher. The government is making a survey of costs and profits to determine if retail food dealers may raise prices. Grocery organizations are trying to boost their average profit margins to 22 percent under the Capehart Amendment.

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## JOKES, Etc.

"I feel my end drawing near," said the wrestler as his opponent began tying him in a knot.

Old Zeke, Riddle Creek's general store owner, says it seems like every time history repeats itself the price has gone up.

"The time will come," thundered the lady orator, "when women will get men's wages."

"Yeah," muttered the little man in a rear seat, "next Saturday night."

A doctor asked the woman patient her age.

"I never tell anyone my age," she answered coyly. "But, as a matter of fact, I've just reached twenty-one."

"Indeed," commented the doctor. "What detained you?"

A man could retire nicely in his old age, says old Doc Anklam, if he could dispose of his experience for what it cost him.

Two housewives, while waiting their turn at the grocer's, were overheard discussing the last depression.

"It came at such a bad time," observed one, "just when everyone was out of work."

A Chinese was trying to catch a train and a porter was trying

to locate his baggage. The Chinese got very upset. Finally, as the train was about to depart, he hammered on the counter and exploded in these words: "Pretty darn seldom where my bag go. She no fly. You no more fit run station than Heaven's sake. That's all I hope."

A vacation consists of two weeks which are too short, after which you are too tired to return to work and too broke not to.

When Smith walked into his friend's office he found him sitting at his desk, looking very depressed.

"Hello, old man!" said Smith. "What's up?"

"Oh, just my wife," replied the other, sadly. "She has engaged a new secretary for me."

"Well, there's nothing wrong about that. Is she a blonde or a brunette?"

"He's bald."

Conversation enriches the understanding, but solitude is the school of genius.—Gibbon.

To make friends with a wild beast is better than to make friends with an inquisitive person.—Moorish proverb.

Junior was reading a book. Suddenly he stopped and said to his father:

"Dad, bring me a glass of water."

The startled father asked:

"What's the idea?"

And Junior replied:

"This book says that the child is father to the man and I wanted to see how it worked out in practice."

Pennsylvania Firm  
Puzzled at Congrats  
For Refund to Govt.

North Wales, Pa. (LPA)—Officials of Greene, Tweed & Co. here are puzzled over a flood of telephone calls congratulating them because they refunded \$6,216 to the U. S. Government on a defense order they found they could fill at less than their original bid.

Gen. Mgr. Walter S. Josephson said he couldn't understand why people should find "just normal business honesty" so unusual. "We wouldn't think of profiteering at the expense of the Government or any other customer, and I don't think most other businesses would, either," he said.



Your Security Office is at 196 San Augustine St., San Jose 10. Phone Cypress 2-2480.

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A group which has long been excluded from social security are the farm workers. Very often it is hard for the farm worker to accumulate much for retirement or protective purposes. Coverage under social security, beginning in January, was a welcome thing for the farm laborer.

Since Congress intended that only the regularly employed farm worker should be covered by social security, the following standards were set up in defining a "farm worker":

1. He must be regularly employed by the same employer. He must have worked for the farm operator one entire quarter before he can start counting his coverage. After that, he is "regularly employed" if he works 60 days out of three months. For example, if Jim Browne was in Mr. Smith's employ in October, November and December of last year, then works at least 60 days during January, February and March of this year, he meets the regularity test.

2. He must earn at least \$50 in cash wages during the quarter.

3. It is the responsibility of the farm operator to withhold 1 1/2 percent from the wages of his regular employees. Then he will match this amount with another 1 1/2 percent, and turn this in quarterly to the Collector of Internal Revenue.

4. It is the responsibility of the farm employee to have a social security account number and to show this to his employer.

State Fed. Issues  
Legislative Survey

(State Fed. Release)

A roll call tabulation of vital committee votes cast during the 1951 regular session of the State Legislature has been mailed to all affiliated central bodies and local political leagues by the California State Federation of Labor.

C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the state AFL organization, declared that since no official record of committee votes is published, such a tabulation is particularly important in an election year when local units of Labor's League for Political Education will be obliged to make endorsements for both Assembly and Senate seats.

The tabulation supplements the previously issued "Sacramento Story," the State Federation's survey of the 1951 regular session.

While "The Sacramento Story" lists key floor votes in both Assembly and Senate and traces the history of all measures pertinent to labor, the committee tabulation features 48 selected roll calls on committee vote tests.

Lack of officially published records of such votes compelled the State Federation to compile the voting history through its own resources. Key votes were recorded at committee hearings by Federation representatives. However, as many test issues were determined by voice vote, a total story of committee action is not possible.

A limited number of the committee tabulation charts is now available at State Federation headquarters, Room 810, 995 Market St., San Francisco 3, Calif.

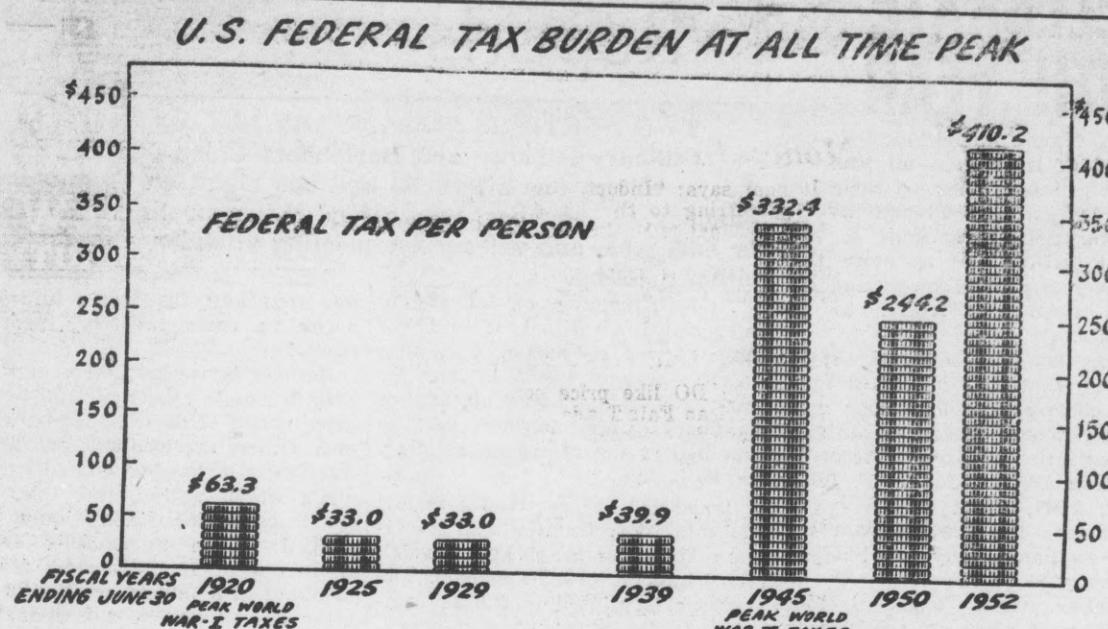
Later this month, the Federation will release a voting chart on the 23 congressmen and two senators who comprise the state delegation in Washington, D. C.

Get Registered to Vote!



PHOTOGENIC MARIE.—Marie Wilson's "My Friend Irma" show is still confined to radio, though Marie seems to understand perfectly what the well-dressed TV star wears. (LPA)

# Shop With Ease In Valley Center



Total tax burden, including state and local levies, averages \$532 for every man, woman and child in the country for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1952. Average federal tax per capita of the population is \$410 per year, compared to

\$39.90 in 1939—up ten-fold and 6½ times peak World War I load. Average worker pays much more than on day's wage to Uncle Sam in direct income and hidden taxes.

## Social Security for 62 Million Workers And Their Families

Washington (LPA)—After 15 years of operation, the federal social security program provides insurance protection for 62 million workers and for three out of four mothers and children eligible for monthly payments if the family wage-earner dies.

In addition, two out of five people over 65 and not working are now receiving retirement benefits under the program, Federal Security Administrator Oscar R. Ewing said in his year-end report.

In 1951, \$1.14 billion went to more than 2 million retired insured workers; \$340 million went to wives of retired workers, aged

widows, and dependent parents; \$360 million was paid to young widows and their children. Contributions of workers and employers to the program totaled \$3.4 billion for the year.

"The extent of this insurance," Ewing said, "is a good index of the

nation's progress in protecting families against loss of income caused by old age or death of the family breadwinner. Old-age and survivors insurance has developed out of our own experience and has been tested through 15 years that included the aftermath of depression, the greatest war in history, demobilization, and our present world crisis. It has proved effective."

Arthur J. Altmeyer, commissioner for social security, said the insurance "has a greater cash value than all other assets" when a wage-earner dies. He declared that monthly payments to a family over a period of years may reach as high as \$25,000 or more and in many thousands of cases will be more than \$10,000.

Total expenses of administering the insurance in 1951 were only \$83 million, or 2.4 per cent of the contributions for the year. These expenses were paid from the \$15.5 billion Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund which earned \$300 million in interest during the year.

## Pheasant Bag, 19,481

In its third season, California's cooperative hunting area program produced a 10-day bag of 19,481 pheasants for 52,581 hunters, reads a post-season report from the Department of Fish and Game.

Of the 11 state-managed areas, greatest hunter success was enjoyed by shooters on the Sartain Ranch, Butte County, where the maximum legal charge of \$2 per day was in effect. Here, 1064 pheasants fell before the guns of 1903 permittees.

All other areas were opened without charge by cooperating landowners. Highest score on the free areas was made by 8740 hunters on the Grimes area, where 3903 ringnecks were taken.

By area, game managers' reports on hunter success:

Staten Island, 3270 hunters, 1214 birds; Ryer Island, 4021 hunters, 1753 birds; Sutter Basin, 6243 hunters, 2569 birds; Natomas, 9177 hunters, 2534 birds.

Butte Creek, 5624 hunters, 1456 birds; Meridian, 3105 hunters, 1750 birds; Los Banos, 2772 hunters, 963 birds; Firebaugh, 4097 hunters, 1495 birds; Twitchell Island, 3629 hunters, 807 pheasants.

Most commercial lettuce is of the New York and Imperial strains. They are erroneously called Iceberg lettuce, notes the National Geographic Society. True Iceberg is a variety with red-tinged leaves and no commercial importance.

Suggestions on how organizations might participate in the week's activities, are available upon request to the California Conservation Council, 912 Santa Barbara St., Santa Barbara, California.

## Calif. Conservation Week Is Mar. 7-14

The elimination of wasteful practices in our daily life will be the theme of California's 18th annual Conservation Week, March 7 through 14. State Director of Natural Resources Warren T. Hannum, general chairman, announced the theme as private organizations and State and Federal agencies prepared for the annual observance. Hannum is vice president of the sponsoring California Conservation Council.

Agencies concerned with various aspects of natural resources use and protection will cooperate during the week to provide speakers and materials for conservation meetings planned by various civic, fraternal, educational, and other organizations throughout the state.

Director Hannum urges all private organizations to feature conservation programs in their group meetings during the week.

Complete program guides, with

## Widow Says Thanks To 'Dear Ones All' For UMW Pension

Washington (LPA)—From a solitary cabin in an Illinois mining town came Christmas greetings and "my Good thots" for the New Year to the United Mine Workers Welfare and Retirement Fund.

It was a token of appreciation from Mrs. Nellie Noller, 79, of Centralia, Ill., whose husband, Gus, was killed 14 years ago in a tragic mine accident. She wanted to express her thanks to "dear ones who have so faithfully forwarded my pension checks to me during the past 12 months."

Mrs. Noller is one of almost 15,000 aged widows who have no income except the \$30 monthly they receive from the UMW Welfare Fund, which also takes care of hospital bills and medical care.

Mrs. Noller said that at "my advanced age, I could scarce support myself so the Thirty Dollars each month has been a great blessing to me as I try to keep house for myself in my cabin here in Centralia, so much more satisfying than to 'live in' with any of my children and it also gives a sense of independence and an interest yet in life."

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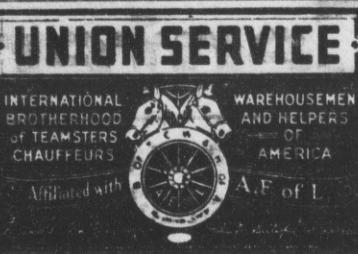
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## Local 890

General Teamsters, Warehousemen and Helpers' Union

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The year 1952 is now well on its way—the holiday season is over, so let's get back on the important job of getting negotiations completed for those contracts that are now open.

The seed warehouse contracts have been settled for a 7c per hour increase across the board for the men and 5c per hour increase for those women employed at Eckhart Seed Co.

We have an offer from Pet Milk Co. This agreement is negotiated on an area-wide basis covering all processed milk employees in the San Joaquin Valley and as far north as Eureka.

Frozen foods, dehydration, and canning contracts are opened, with present contracts expiring March 1, 1952. A negotiation meeting is to be held in Oakland on Jan. 12, after which we hope to bring back a report on this meeting.

Many other contracts are in the process of negotiation and each division will be notified of meeting dates.

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**REMEMBER:** Your community blood bank unit is in Salinas the first Monday of every month.

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### NON-UNION

We continue to advise you that Pajaro Valley bread is not being delivered by members of the Teamsters Union. You housewives who read this column should take note and call this matter to the attention of your neighbors. Tell them that when they buy bread or cakes from Pajaro Valley vendors they are undermining your standard of living. We are making delivery checks on the routes of these drivers and we hope that no member will be embarrassed by his wife buying Pajaro Valley merchandise. The housewife who handles the finances of a union family should see that the money is spent where union shop cards are displayed. Make it a habit—ask for the union shop card at service stations, and look for the union button. It is a sign of good service.

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### REGISTER TO VOTE

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Bro. Earl Lasseter, driver at Mission Milk Co., was the choice of those voting, for a three-year trustee. Bros. Jess Allred, Dewey Cook and Ike Fox comprised the election committee tabulating the votes in Monterey and Salinas. Bro. Lasseter succeeds Bro. Henry Parma.

It is with regret that we report our secretary, Peter Andrade, who has organized Local 890 since April

1943, will be leaving us Feb. 1 to accept a position on the National Cannery Council, taking a one-year leave of absence from this local. Bro. Andrade will give a detailed message to all members shortly.

The recording secretary, Bud Kenyon, has been appointed secretary-treasurer of this union. Bro. Kenyon has been recording secretary and business agent for Local 890 since August 1944.

Pres. Ray Burditt of this union is resigning his post to become business agent, and Vice-Pres. Kenneth Sinkey moves up as president to fill the unexpired term.

Your union has made progress since its inception, and with the cooperation of all members and with all of us working together, patronizing those service stations displaying the union shop card, we will continue to go forward.

### NEWS BITS

We are happy to hear that Mary McInnish, a sister who has worked at the Eckhart Seed Co., is home from the Parklane Hospital, where she spent two weeks. She underwent a major operation. We hope, Mary, that you are beginning to feel "in the pink" again and will be back at work before too long.

**Spiegels.**—Verna Willis, who has been under the doctor's care for the past month, finally admits the condition is growing. Dorothy Brakefield is taking a nine-month vacation (?). Quite a pilgrimage of girls to old Mexico for the holidays. Heywood Simpson is in the hospital for a ream job. "Swede" Fleming back on the job minus his appendix. Reuben Hernandez brags he broke the West Coast record for "no sleep" during the holidays, off-work sleep, that is. This is being challenged by Frank Encinas, of the warehouse crew, who is handicapped because he is going steady while Reuben is steadily going. What can these guys find to do after 2 a.m. These cold days the sweater girls are wearing coats on the line; and, for a change, there is competition for working space in the "hole". There's standing room only in the lab since the new calendars came out—or is it because of the new lab girl?

**RUMORS.**—We hear that three crews soon will be called for processing watermelon balls. There will be lots more broccoli. There will be very little more broccoli. The processing lines will be moved upstairs. The processing lines will be moved to the basement. The processing lines will be moved outside. The processing lines will be painted red. The women's rest room is to be moved. The women's rest room is to be enlarged. The women's rest room is to be equipped with windows. The women's rest room is to be painted red. There will be no more floor ladies; five more floor ladies; floor ladies are to be painted red. All workers will be provided with seats; some seats will be provided; all seats will be painted red.

Many people spent the holidays out of town; the holidaze spent many people.

### GO UNION—BUY LABEL!

Pay your dues on or before the first of each month so that you will be in good standing at all times.

Note: The little quarterly "truck pins" are in the office now, and those who have paid dues for the first quarter can get a little truck.

In Plato's Phaedo, published in 399 B.C., is the earliest written record of the idea of a round earth. It is credited to Socrates who died that same year.

## SEABEES CELEBRATE 10TH YEAR

The Navy's famed Seabees, comprised of men from all walks of life and labor, observed their 10th birthday on Dec. 28 and in celebration gave exhibitions of high speed construction at more than 30 overseas naval bases and stations from the Arctic to the Tropics.

Once again, ready and able to defend what they build, the fighting construction battalions have gained muscle since the outbreak of hostilities in Korea. According to Rear Admiral Joseph F. Jelley, CEC, USN, Chief of Navy Civil Engineers, the Seabees "are now able to handle any job likely to be assigned to them."

Seabee work today includes building of airstrips, roads, piers, utilities, and ammunition and fuel storage to give vital overseas shore support to the fleet and its air arm.

The Seabees, whose wartime strength reached a quarter of a million, reckon their birthday from Dec. 28, 1941, just two weeks after the Japs had captured the Navy's defenseless civilian workmen at Wake Island.

As the Navy's youngest major component, the Seabee organization won its full share of glory in World War II by miracles of construction performed all over the world. But the postwar Seabees have added luster to the "Can Do" tradition by their work in the amphibious assault at Inchon in the early days of the Korean fighting.

For the Seabees, the Inchon engagement was like a flashback to World War II when the builder-fighter force was in on every major amphibious operation in which American forces participated.

After the Seabees became a permanent part of the Navy, steps were taken to insure that the greatly reduced organization would remain a ready force. As part of the program, Seabees received training through participation in Operation Highjump, the Naval Antarctic Expedition; Exercise Portrex in Puerto Rico, and in various amphibious exercises with the Marines.

Seabees developed improved techniques for handling and operating pontoons and causeways. They also participated in atomic bomb tests, and manned the arctic test station for material near Point Barrow, Alaska. The builders-in-uniform also carried on construction overseas.

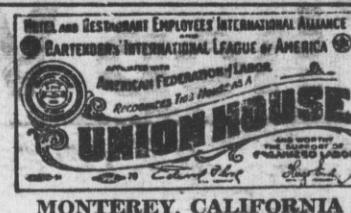
A reserve organization was authorized to provide a strong nucleus of skilled workers to bolster the small regular force in an emergency. The reserve program paid off when war broke out in Korea. Approximately 60 per cent of the Seabees now in active service came from the reserve.

On their 10th birthday, the Seabees are weak in numbers, as compared to the wartime organization, but they are still strong in know-how. They are keeping alive the aggressive "Can Do" spirit which carried the World War II Seabees to remarkable achievements.

The AFL salutes the Seabees.



## Local 483 Reports



### TWO MEETINGS ON JANUARY 16.

Culinary Alliance and Bartenders Union 483 will have two meetings, one afternoon and one night, on Wednesday, January 16. Members may attend either meeting, 2:30 p.m. or 8:30 p.m., and will receive meeting attendance credit for either meeting.

At both meetings on January 16 a special film entitled "With These Hands" will be shown. This film is something of special interest for all members and a good attendance is urged. Union business will be handled at the afternoon meeting.

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Local 483 has received a special bulletin from International Secretary-Treasurer Ed S. Miller which is of interest to all members. The bulletin is printed in full to complete this column:

Along about this time every year, the legal beverage business gets the works from well meaning folks who are trying to reduce the toll of traffic accidents, which mount during holiday periods.

Campaigns under such slogans as "Drunk Drivers Go To Jail" get the full treatment.

The headline writers pull out all the stops.

Traffic court judges with one eye on the next election get into the act with bitter denunciations of the luckless fellow who, the arresting officer says, "had liquor on his breath."

By the time the New Year comes in our legal business has been given another black eye and the Drys are calking up another propaganda victory.

It seems to me it's time to call a halt.

It's time to look the facts in the face and get a perspective on holiday traffic accidents that's a little closer to the truth.

The truth is that blaming traffic deaths and injuries on the drinker—which is most adult Americans—is simply passing the buck. It's the easy way out. It is soothing syrup for the guilty conscience. It takes the place of the hard headwork of thinking through the traffic problem and putting the finger on the real source of trouble.

The fact is that liquor is responsible for only a small portion of traffic injuries, either at this season or any other.

The fact is that the number of motor vehicles on the loose has increased at a much faster rate than the construction of traffic safety devices—such as wider highways, traffic control systems, railroad underpasses and the like.

The fact is that the main reason the accident rate goes up at this season is that more cars are on the road than usual, more pedestrians are aboard, more youngsters are attending the season's late school, church and social affairs and the weather is generally worse than it is at other periods of peak traffic flow.

Furthermore, it is worth noting that hour-for-hour, the traffic accident rate is lower during the Christmas season than at any of the other three accident-high dates during the year—Memorial Day, July Fourth and Labor Day.

Yet, with the coming of Christmas, all of a sudden the beverage business is made the chief culprit!

Did you ever hear of the fellow who sells gasoline to the hot-rod hoodlums being publicly pilloried for adding to the hazards of the highway?

Do the headline writers ever blame the man who sells used jalopies with poor brakes, worn tires and indifferent headlights?

How often is the accident rate blamed on the city fathers who have failed to cope with the traffic snarls which mark this season—or on the tightfisted taxpayer who refuses to vote the funds needed to provide modern traffic control equipment?

In how many cities do the police—and the papers!—bear down on the jaywalker half as hard as they do on the fellow who has had one glass of beer?

Yet a Northwestern University traffic expert revealed the other

day that half the traffic injuries occur in cases involving pedestrians!

Besides jaywalkers, this expert lists five main causes of traffic accidents, and of these liquor is only one. Others are weather, mechanical faults in the car and so on.

It's worth noting, too, that of those cases in which liquor is alleged to be responsible, only three out of 10 cases stem from drinking in a tavern, while others grow out of buying a bottle and taking aboard too much.

Nobody in his right mind will defend driving while under the influence of alcohol. Alcohol and gasoline are an explosive mixture. Drivers shouldn't drink, and drinkers shouldn't drive.

No industry has worked harder than ours to foster the idea of moderate consumption of its products—not just at Christmas, but the year around.

It seems to me manifestly unfair for the people who earn their living in a legal beverage industry to take the rap for the heavy holiday accident rate.

## Let 'Em Eat Cake? This Pact Does!

**New York (LPA).** — No mere bread-and-butter agreement is the one covering members of Local 3, AFL Electrical Workers, employed by Corrugated Paper Machinery Co., Brooklyn. This one provides for cake—one for each employee celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary.

Then there's a \$10 bonus upon the birth of a child, not to mention a free life insurance policy starting at \$500 and increasing \$100 annually to a maximum of \$2500. All this in addition to the standard union agreement.

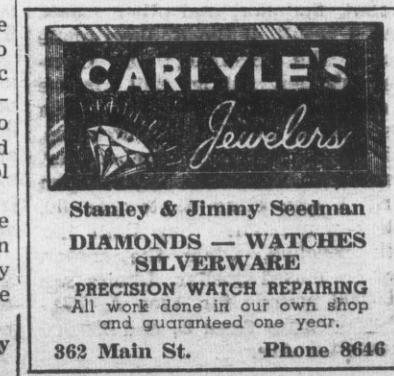
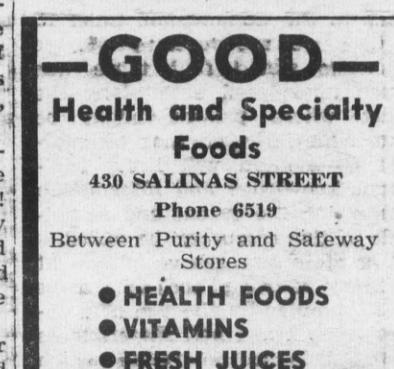
Question: If a guy got married on his birthday does he get two cakes at one time?

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### JOHN L. FLIES

At West Frankfort, Ill., Pres. John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers went up in the skies for the first time in his life in order to descend 550 feet into one of the country's deepest coal mines. The Miners' chief made his first plane flight to investigate the disastrous explosion at the huge Orient No. 2 mine, which took 119 lives.

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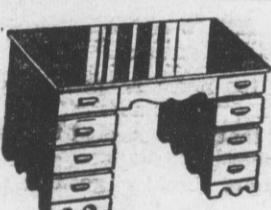
## AFL Unions Urged To Support Strike Against Prudential

Washington (LPA)—AFL Pres. William Green has called on all AFL unions to support the strike of 10,000 AFL Insurance Workers against the Prudential Insurance Co., which began early in December.

The U. S. Mediation Service called the union and company together Dec. 18 and 19 in an effort to settle the strike, but no progress was made. Meanwhile, in New York, 350 members of the union's Local 19 picketed the Empire State Building, singing Christmas carols and carrying decorated Christmas trees.

The union has accused the company of spending millions of dollars of the policyholders' funds in newspaper advertising and radio broadcasting to break the strike. Union Pres. George L. Russ said if the same money had been used to grant the pay increases asked by the agents, the strike could have been averted.

A Twentieth Century Fund report says that it takes about two acres of farm crops per person to feed the U. S.



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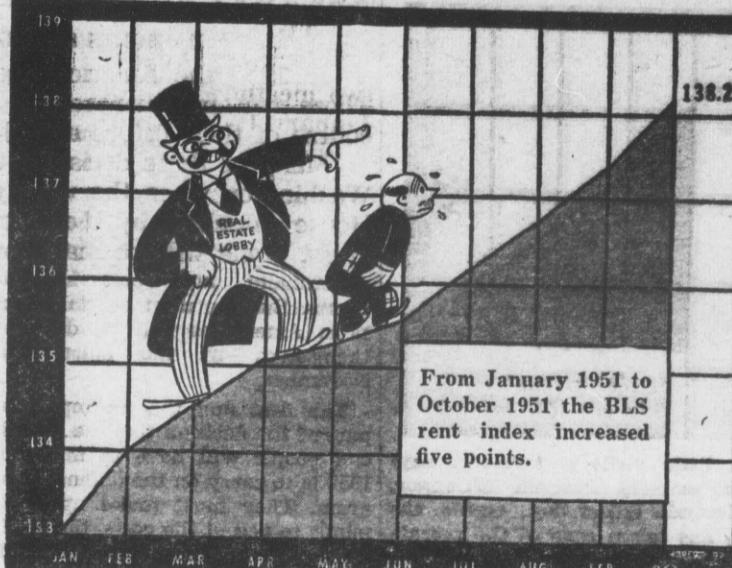
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## Month By Month Rents Go Up



## Building Wages Up 10c to 25c, July 1950 to 1951

Washington (LPA)—Union hourly scale of construction trades workers went up from 10 to 25 cents between July 1, 1950 and July 1, 1951, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported in mid-December. The increases affected 885,000 unionized workers in 77 cities surveyed by BLS.

Increases for electricians averaged 19c; for tile roofers and tile layers, 18c; for plasterers' laborers, 18c. As of July 1, 1951, the hourly scales for journeymen in the building trades ranged from \$2.34 for glaziers to \$2.95 for bricklayers. Average hourly rate for all building trades was \$2.42, running from \$1.50 for building laborers to \$2.95 for bricklayers.

Rates vary, of course, from city to city. Low for carpenters, for example, was \$1.82, high was \$3.25; for bricklayers' tenders, 95c and \$2.45; for building laborers, from 88c to \$2.34; painters, from \$1.50 to \$3.25. Which may explain why industry fights for "area rates" where the rate is low, and why plants try to flee into low-cost or non-unionized areas.

## RFC Turns In Large Profits

The Reconstruction Finance Corporation (RFC) made \$82,600,000 for the Federal Government in the year ending last June 30.

Stuart Symington, who heads the RFC, said the agency made money in two ways: (1) \$75,000,000 was earned in RFC rubber and tin production programs and from its sale of war plants and equipment no longer needed by the Government, and (2) \$7,600,000 was earned in interest on loans.

"This is one agency that doesn't cost the Government a cent," Symington stated.

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## Dismissal of WSB Urged on Truman By S.F. Unions

President Truman was called upon to dismiss the Wage Stabilization Board and the Construction Industry Stabilization Commission in a resolution adopted by the Building and Construction Trades Council here.

It charged that AFL unions affiliated with the council have waited from 2 to 10 months for decisions from the WSB, with the rulings making "no provision for retroactivity — thus causing a reduction of the take home pay of the workers." The resolution urged that local unions be allowed "to bargain collectively with their employers and put into effect at once the wages arrived at by such collective bargaining agreements."

Higher taxes, with a reduction in pay, "are causing unrest amongst the workers," the council said, and the government's aim "to bring stability to the cost of living is not being effected by the workings of the WSB and the commission."

In the first ten years of this century, U. S. population increased more from immigrants than from births.

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## Salmon Census in The Sacramento

What is the salmon production potential of the Sacramento River and its tributaries?

This question, a long-standing and important one to sports and commercial fishermen, conservationists and the California Department of Fish and Game, will get a better answer when the state agency's three-year salmon tagging project now under way on the Sacramento is completed.

In addition to the many salmon caught, tagged, and released in ocean waters, more than 500 salmon and 250 steelhead trout have been decorated with plastic discs this season by a Bureau of Marine Fisheries crew under the direction of Senior Biologist Donald H. Fry, Jr. The fish were trapped in six fyke nets spaced along the Sacramento, two miles above the Feather River confluence. After tagging, salmon and steelhead continue upstream to spawn.

Later, the spawned-out salmon carcasses will be counted on each of the Sacramento's eight tributaries. Most steelhead tags are recovered by cooperating anglers.

### VETERAN MEMBER

Fresno, Calif. (LPA) — Longest holder of a union card in this city, George W. Giffen died at 75. A pioneer member of Typographical Union Local 144, he served many years as its secretary-treasurer as well as holding all other offices in the local at various times.

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# Labor News

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1952

## MILLIONS NOW HEARING FRANK EDWARDS NEWS

AFL news programs featuring Frank Edwards will be heard on 150 radio stations through 1952, picking up Nevada and Alaska stations to the network. Millions of Americans now hear this enormously popular radio broadcast.

## The Rich Dodge Tax

Support for AFL tax policies came from Dr. Seymour Harris, Harvard economics professor.

In a letter to the Washington Post, he wrote:

"The burden of additional taxes would be greatly lightened if the tax structure were improved; closing loopholes, abandonment of income splitting for married couples . . ."

The AFL has pointed out time after time that the present tax system is unfair because under it rich people and corporations don't pay their fair share of taxes.

The tax loopholes save big oil companies \$750 million a year; people who make over \$10,000 annually, a mere 10 percent of the population, \$2 billion a year; people who get dividends, \$300 million, and those who make big donations and leave large estates, \$600 million.

## SALINAS LABORERS EYE HOLLISTER JOBS

Three new construction jobs in and near Hollister (San Benito County) are being checked closely by Laborers Union 272 of Salinas, which has jurisdiction also in the Hollister area, according to Wray D. ("Bill") Empie, business agent of Local 272.

Empie said the jobs included a cannery warehouse, with George Benz as contractor; additions to the county hospital at Hollister, and a construction project at the dolomite mine south of Hollister.

### OREGON TEACHER

**Portland, Ore. (LPA)** — May Darling, of the American Federation of Teachers, chairman of the Oregon Federation of Labor's standing committee on education, has been appointed to the new State Board of Education. It has full authority over such matters as texts, curriculum and vocational training.

Mr. Edwards' program originates in Washington at 10 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

Check your local newspapers for exact time the program is carried in your home communities. Following is the 1952 station schedule for 7 Western States:

ARIZONA		KOY	11	M W F
Phoenix				
CALIFORNIA				
Los Angeles	KHJ	10:15	M thru F	
Los Angeles	KFMV	7	M thru F	
Sacramento	KXOA	10:15	M W F	
San Diego	KGB	10:15	M W F	
San Francisco	KFRC	10:15	M thru F	
IDAHO				
Pocatello	KWIK	8	M thru F	
Boise-Nampa	KFXD	10	M W F	
NEVADA				
Las Vegas	KRAM	7	M thru F	
OREGON				
Portland	KPOI	10:15	M thru F	
Eugene	KORE	10:15	M W F	
UTAH				
Provo	KOVO	10	M thru F	
Ogden	KLO	10	M thru F	
Salt Lake City	KALL	10	M thru F	
WASHINGTON				
Seattle	KVI	10:15	M thru F	

## Two Carpenters Spend Xmas Home

Two servicemen, members of Salinas Carpenters Union No. 925, spent the Christmas holidays at their homes, having gotten special leave from bases in Southern California where they now are stationed.

Elton Horn, of the U. S. Marines, and Lyman Scarpa, of the U. S. Navy, are well known here. Horn worked formerly for Contractor Tom Mill, while Scarpa was an apprentice at the Salinas Planing Mill, according to Business Agent Harvey Baldwin of Local 925.

### LABOR LIBRARY

**New York (LPA)** — Mrs. Besse W. Kaye has become executive secretary and associate editor of the Claridge Publishing Corp., publishers of The Labor Library. Mrs. Kaye until recently was executive secretary of the New York Women's Trade Union League.

At the end of World War II there were around 3200 usable airports in the United States. More than 6300 are considered necessary to meet present air traffic needs.



A little girl's best friend, says eight-year-old Patricia O'Connor, of Detroit, is her dog. Cassie, the dog, has taken care of the morale department in Pat's fight against polio, while the Wayne County Chapter of the March of Dimes has provided financial help.

## Illinois Fights Ban On Aid to Workers Observing Pickets

**Chicago (LPA)** — Unions throughout Illinois are waging a campaign for revision of the unemployment compensation law so workers who refuse to cross picket lines can collect benefits. Leading the fight are the state Federation of Labor and Industrial Union Council.

It recently was ruled by the Illinois Supreme Court that failure to cross a "peaceful picket line" constitutes participation in the labor dispute or voluntary unemployment. Such persons are denied benefits by the law.

The court's decision, made in a case involving the American Brake Shoe Co. of this city "takes away the liberty of a worker," said Frank Annunzio, director of the Illinois Department of Labor. "It should be the individual's right to decide whether he wants to cross a picket line."

## Kansas Court Holds Farm Bureau Dues Payments Illegal

**Topeka (LPA)** — The Kansas Supreme Court has upheld a lower court ruling that Extension Service funds were illegally diverted to pay Farm Bureau dues in that state.

The court held that the Franklin County Farm Bureau may not become a member of the Kansas Farm Bureau, may not pay dues to the state group, and the county bureau may not receive tax allotments until it divorces itself from the state bureau. In the original case it was alleged the county Farm Bureau charged \$8 a year dues, and gave \$5 of that to the state body.

In Washington the National Farmers Union has urged a Senate investigation of improper and illegal diversion of county agent time and Extension Service money to a private farm organization.

### "Zeal Strike"

In Brussels, Belgium, amazed American and British tourists found their luggage being searched for frogs and tadpoles as the result of a "zeal strike." Union customs officers went back 130 years for a law that would help them draw the government's attention to their demand for higher pay. The ancient edict prohibits the exportation of frogs and tadpoles — valuable to Belgian farmers for their insect-eating habits. The "zeal strike" had the union men enforcing the customs regulations twice as thoroughly as usual, and also looking through every bag and suitcase for frogs.

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## VITAL TASKS IN '52: A STRONG DEFENSE, EQUAL SACRIFICES

By BORIS SHISHKIN, AFL Economist

In 1952 the American people will be making decisions. These will be far-reaching decisions, affecting the whole course of their future and the future of the world.

Many of these decisions will be made on Capitol Hill in Washington when the votes are cast in the Senate and the House chambers by the elected members of the 82nd Congress. Some will be made by the Executive branch of the government, and some by the courts. But the most crucial questions Americans will be deciding themselves—at the polls next November.

The first and the all-important part of the decision that the American people will have to make in 1952 is to carry on the defense program. They must make up their minds to accept the costs, the hardships and sacrifices that go with the defense effort. Not until the military supremacy of the free world over the Communist bloc is established can this effort be relaxed. Not until then will peace be assured.

The second and equally vital part of their decision will be to make sure that the costs, sacrifices and hardships of defense mobilization are equitably distributed. People with small incomes and the average worker should not be expected to bear the brunt of economic dislocations inevitable under a mobilization program. The worker will keep his belt tight if the country's needs require that he does. But there should be no room for luxury housing and luxury buying when a worker's family cannot get a decent place to live and scarcities prevent it from buying essentials of living.

The third and closely related part of the decision is to keep inflation in check. Financial and credit policies of the government will have to be devised to check unnecessary business expansion, to curb a speculative rise in commodity prices and real estate and to hold in check the prices of food. Policies to promote savings and defer non-essential spending are no less important.

### COMMIE AIM IS TO DESTROY

It should be remembered that one of the most deadly aims of communism is to destroy our economic system. The temptation to let go of all irksome controls will be very great. Especially heavy will be the pressure to let go in the first half of 1952. For the full brunt of inflationary pressure from increased defense and military expenditures will not be felt until the second half, when the funds previously authorized and appropriated for defense will attain full flow in the form of actual payments.

### TRY TO PRESERVE STRENGTH

The fourth consideration to which Americans will have to give high priority also has to do with preserving the strength of their American commonwealth. It is the imperative necessity to make every possible provision, consistent with the defense effort, to prevent the rate of growth and standards of welfare we have attained from deteriorating. Acute housing shortages must be wiped out. Social security standards must be raised to remedy the most glaring shortcomings of our system and to overcome the deterioration in standards resulting from inflation. A national health program to eliminate the greatest economic hazard confronting the great majority of Americans must be made a reality.

### FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE

These and other kinds of action to strengthen our economy are just as indispensable as military preparedness. They are the first line of defense against Communist aggression. They are also the first line of defense against upheaval on the day when defense preparations are completed and the threat of war is averted.

This fifth area of decision has to do with something vital to all of us—America's moral leadership.

America's decisive task is its moral task. It is up to us in Amer-

## Let's Stop The Big Stealing

Sen. Hubert Humphrey challenged his fellow members of Congress to "tell the people the sorry truth" about who pays the bills to elect them.

"It would be a good idea if every member of Congress were required to go before an investigating committee and tell how his campaign was financed," the Minnesota Democrat told reporters.

Far too much is spent on campaigning, the Senator said. He added that he suspected that some campaign contributors expect something besides good government."

With regard to Government tax scandals, Sen. Humphrey held that "are the base from which this corruption springs."

"If we're going to houseclean let's clean good," he said. "Let's not just clean on top of the rug. Let's check on some of the big stealings."

By "big stealing," Sen. Humphrey said he meant "inadequate tax laws and tax loopholes through which \$4 billion of potential revenue escape legally" every year to the benefit of "less than 5 percent" of the taxpayers and to the detriment of the other 95 percent.

### SWEATSHOP KIDS

**Chicago (LPA)** — In Illinois, lawfully employed children of any age may be excluded from attending school if their earnings are needed to support themselves or their families. Previously, the minimum excusable age was 14.

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**MARKS 75TH BIRTHDAY.** — Lt. Gov. Clifford Jones of Nevada (right) and Selene Walters, movie star, were among the distinguished guests at the 75th birthday party of Hugo Ernst (left), president of the AFL Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders Union. The party was given by Wilbur Clark's Desert Inn, Las Vegas, Nev. (LPA)